of Defence to examine the problems of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same committee has been asked to consider the demand of some exgratia relief to World War-I and II Veterans;

(c) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details of recommendations in respect of World War veterans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Eviction order passed by station commander Assam

1919. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Commander Station Head-quarter Panisala Dlrjan, Assam has issued eviction order on Civilian low paid MES employees to vacate the Government land (Defence) where these poor employees have been living for a long time;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to defer the eviction till alternate arrangements are made to rehabilitation them; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The eviction notices were issued by the Civil Admlnistration to the encroachers, who include certain MES employees also, on the Defence land. The encroachers have since been evicted. However, the affected MES employees have been allotted accommodation out of the available pool.

Payment of OTI to ex-servicemen

1920. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed a Committee in order to remove the anomalies arising out of certain recommendations of High Powered Committee in the matter of payment of one time increase (OTI) to ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its recommenda ions; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to submit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Dos not arise.

Newly introduced items in Canteen Store Department

1921. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question No. 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th Aprll, 1993 and state:

(a) the orders placed in figures in last nine months for the newly introduced items;

(b) whether it is a fact that different yardsticks are being used by CSD for Small Scale Sector and the larger business firms;

(c) whether it is also a fact that placement of orders has become a method of showing favour to some units; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove grievances of small scale units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Abou 2700 orders have been placed for newly introduced items since July, 1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

University entry scheme

1922. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a university entry scheme to attract additional technical people into the Army Commissioned Service; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Government have approved, in July 1992, a University Entry Scheme for induction of Engineering students in their Final Year/pre-Final Year, into the Army. The Scheme will be in operation, initially, for a period of three years.

Engineering students of various disciplines studying in the final/pre-final years in recognised Universities/Institutions will be eligible for induction into the Technical Arms/Services of the Army under this Scheme. Selected candidates will be granted Short Service Commission, on probation, and given stipends at the minimum basic pay of 2nd Lieutenants. This amount, however, will be paid in one lumpsum on their joining the Indian Military Academy, for training. On successful completion of training, they will be granted Permanent Commission in the Army. An intake of 100 officers per year has been planned under this Scheme.

Financial irregularities by Cantonment administration

1923. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Controller of Defence Accounts (Central Command) have pointed out serious financial irregularities and lapses on the part of cantonment administratic by which the collection of revenue of the Central Government has been adversely affected in the course of the last few years;

(b) whether the properties of the Central Government and various land premises have been allowed by such administrative lapses to be taken illegally by encroachers without paying the revenue or credit of revenue on Government accounts;

(c) whether Government have now taken up the audit reports of last one decade for a fair estimation of financial losses and for fixing up the responsibilities on the working of Cantonment administration under the Central Command; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. While encroachments do take place, the Competent Authority takes appropriate action in such cases.

(c) The need has not arisen, in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(d) Does not arise.

Building activities in the Cantonment area of Kanpur

1924. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of unaccounted money is being invested by some persons on building constructions at various sites and places in the Cantonment area of Kanpur;

(b) whether lands in the area have not been transferred to new parties or persons who are holding the same in the name of benamdars with unaccounted money;

(c) whether the income-tax authorities have conducted any investigation into the on-going construction of buildigs in Kanpur Cantonment area;

(d) whether the authorities could not yet make proper valuation and cost of investments made in the hotel/restaurant building on the periphery of M.G. Park Kanpur Cantt. to examine the extent of un-accounted money; and